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## LOCAL NATIONAL EXEMPTION TO USAREUR COMPUTER-USER TRAINING AND TESTING

USAREUR policy requires employees who use U.S. Government computers in the workplace to receive special training and to take a test to verify that they have been trained.

Local national employees in Germany are exempt from this requirement until this policy is duly discussed with local national employee representatives. The outcome of this discussion will be announced in the USAREUR Bulletin.

## AUSNAHMEREGLUNG FÜR ORTSANSÄSSIGE BESCHÄFTIGTE HINSICHTLICH DER SCHULUNG UND DER TESTS FÜR COMPUTERNUTZER

USAREUR Vorschriften erfordern, dass Beschäftigte, die Computer der US-Regierung an ihrem Arbeitsplatz benutzen, eine besondere Schulung durchlaufen und einen Test ablegen zur Bescheinigung, dass sie geschult wurden.

Ortsansässige Beschäftigte in Deutschland sind hiervon ausgenommen, bis diese Vorschrift mit den Interessenvertretern der ortsansässigen Beschäftigten erörtert wurde. Das Ergebnis dieser Erörterungen wird im USAREUR Bulletin veröffentlicht werden.

## USAREUR POLICY ON INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

The security of the USAREUR information infrastructure depends on our ability to protect sensitive, unclassified information that is processed over the

USAREUR Common User Data Network (CUDN). This USAREUR network connects to the worldwide DOD Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET). Protecting this network of networks requires identification, control, and management of all devices connected to it. The many interconnections between the military NIPRNET and the commercial Internet are of particular concern.

In accordance with recent guidance from DOD, the standard way for military organizations to connect to the Internet is through the existing CUDN/NIPRNET. Using a commercial Internet service provider without a waiver is prohibited for military organizations. Commanders of USAREUR commands (USAREUR Reg 10-5, app A) using the CUDN/NIPRNET will ensure that action is taken to terminate all connections to the Internet that do not go through the CUDN or the NIPRNET.

If a CUDN or NIPRNET connection is not available, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management, USAREUR, may authorize direct Internet connections, provided those computers are not on a military network.

Commanders of units with a documented requirement for simultaneous connection to both a commercial Internet service provider and the CUDN/NIPRNET must request a waiver. Waivers must be processed through the USAREUR Information Assurance Program Manager and the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4) to HQDA. HQDA will validate and forward waivers to DOD for approval. These connections must be specially engineered for security applications (for example, they must have firewalls and an intrusion-detection system).

Unlike military units, educational and morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) activities are not required to connect to

the Internet through the CUDN/NIPRNET. However, activities that—

- Need to maintain connectivity with a USAREUR network must use computers that are not connected directly to the Internet

- Use commercial Internet service providers may not be connected to the CUDN/NIPRNET with the same computers without a waiver. These connections must be specially engineered for security applications.

Simultaneous connections to both the Internet and to a military network open a “backdoor” into the military network. The above policy is designed to prevent backdoors unless they are absolutely necessary and then only when they are approved and configured for maximum security.

## USAREUR POLICY ON INFORMATION ASSURANCE VULNERABILITY ALERTS (IAVAS)

Information assurance is a commander's program. Direct command emphasis is needed to make it work.

Information assurance vulnerability alerts (IAVAS) are official notifications to the command that a software security vulnerability has been identified that affects one or more Army computer systems worldwide. These vulnerabilities are almost always public knowledge, and almost always involve commercial software products.

Vulnerabilities are favorite targets of hackers, who immediately begin probing computer networks in the private and public sectors to find weak computers. Therefore, when a USAREUR command receives an IAVA, the command must quickly determine if any of its computers

are affected and, if so, immediately fix them.

When DA issues an IAVA, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations (DCSOPS), USAREUR, will forward it to USAREUR commands as a formal tasker. These taskers come in two forms:

►Numbered Dragon Lightning alerts, which are issued when a clear and present danger threatens the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of USAREUR data and networks, which in turn threatens our warfighting capability.

►Numbered USAREUR IAVAs, which are issued when the threat is not as immediate or severe, but may degrade our warfighting capability.

Both Dragon Lightning and USAREUR IAVAs include deadlines (suspense dates) by which units must fix affected computers. The USAREUR standard is to meet or beat the suspense date. If an IAVA requirement cannot be met by the suspense date, the unit must—

►Notify the USAREUR Information Assurance Program Manager (IAPM).

►Give the USAREUR IAPM the reasons for missing the suspense.

►Provide an estimate of when the unit will meet the IAVA requirement.

The USAREUR IAPM provides a weekly report to the DCSOPS on IAVA compliance. An extract of the report that pertains to any unit may be obtained from the IAPM on request. Units may call 380-5207 to request the extract and to fix reporting errors.

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## USAREUR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

As of 15 February 2000, USAREUR soldiers who find themselves in an emergency without funds and who need to send a message to their command may make collect calls to the USAREUR Crisis Action Center at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, Germany.

The emergency civilian telephone number is 06221-336660 and is operational 24 hours a day.

Soldiers will not be able to make direct calls to their commands using this number. Crisis Action Center personnel will screen and relay the calls.

## NEW USAREUR COMMAND POLICY LETTER

The following USAREUR command policy letter has been distributed as shown:

►USAREUR Command Training Philosophy AEAGC-TD-OPD (475-7453), 10 January 2000 (Distr: A)

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